110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

S. 966

AN ACT

To enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

| 2 | This Act may be cited as the "Passport Backlog Re- |
|----|---|
| 3 | duction Act of 2007". |
| 4 | SEC. 2. REEMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ANNU- |
| 5 | ITANTS. |
| 6 | Section 824(g) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 |
| 7 | (22 U.S.C. 4064(g)) is amended— |
| 8 | (1) in paragraph (1)— |
| 9 | (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "; |
| 10 | or" and inserting a semicolon; |
| 11 | (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the |
| 12 | period at the end and inserting "; or"; and |
| 13 | (C) by adding at the end the following new |
| 14 | subparagraph— |
| 15 | "(C)(i) to provide assistance to consular posts |
| 16 | with a substantial backlog of visa applications; or |
| 17 | "(ii) to provide assistance to meet the demand |
| 18 | resulting from the passport and travel document re- |
| 19 | quirements set forth in section 7209(b) of the Intel- |
| 20 | ligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of |
| 21 | 2004 (Public Law 108–458; 8 U.S.C. 1185 note)."; |
| 22 | (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para- |
| 23 | graph (4); and |
| 24 | (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol- |
| 25 | lowing new paragraph: |

- 1 "(3) The authority of the Secretary to waive the ap-
- 2 plication of subsections (a) through (d) for an annuitant
- 3 pursuant to paragraph (1)(C) shall terminate on Sep-
- 4 tember 30, 2010.".

Passed the Senate June 29, 2007.

Attest:

Secretary.

110 TH CONGRESS S. 966

AN ACT

To enable the Department of State to respond to a critical shortage of passport processing personnel, and for other purposes.